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Christian LOYALTY.

O R,
Some Suitable Sentiments
On the WITHDRAW of
King *GEORGE* the First,
Of Glorious Memory,
And the ACCESS of
King *GEORGE* the Second,
Unto the Throne of the
BRITISH EMPIRE.

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—*Uno avulso non deficit Alter Aureus*—

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To the HONOURABLE
WILLIAM DUMMER Esq;

Lieutenant-GOVERNOUR, and Commander
 in Chief, over His MAJESTY's Province of
 of the *Massachusetts-Bay, NEW-ENGLAND.*

May it please Your Honour,

FA R, Very Far, would I be from every thing
 that may look like *Flattery*: And if I should
 attempt any such thing in my Address to
 YOU, I could expect no better than the
 Rebuke which *Constantine* gave unto the *Flatterer*.

I shall not therefore so much as *Whisper* unto YOU,
 what Your whole most obliged People every Day,
 with even an unexempl'd Unanimity and Satisfaction
 do *Proclaim* unto all the *World*.

All that I shall presume to do, is, by a DEDICA-
 TION of my Just Sentiments upon the *Recession* of
 One Great KING, and the *Accession* of Another, un-
 to One who for diverse Years has been our *Commam-*
der in Chief under Them, to Publish something of
 that Regard unto those Puissant Monarchs, which
 He allows to be Uttered on such an Occasion; and
 therewith to declare something of my own.

Syr, We must with all possible Concurrence bear our Testimony of You, That our late King *GEORGE*, of Glorious Memory, never had a more Loyal Subject, or a more Faithful Officer: And that King *GEORGE* the Second, has not among all His Ministers, a more Dutiful Servant, or One more sincerely and zealously affected unto His *Crown*, and the *Protestant Succession* of it in His Illustrious Family.

Tho' I suppress the Mention of all the Other *Laudable Things* by which You have *Obtained a Good Report*, I believe You are not unwilling, that I should mention *This*, because You look upon it as no less a *Justice*, than an *Honour*, that is to be challenged for You.

Nor will you forbid me to say, That this is not the least Considerable among the other Good Qualities and Actions, which Endear You to the *Whole People*, who Behold and Confess the Indefatigable Pains, which You have taken to make them an Happy People; And in particular, to,

Your Honour's

Most Obedient Servant,

COTTON MATHER.

Christian LOYALTY.

BOSTON, Aug. 20. 1727.

Psal. CXLIX. 2.

Let the Children of Zion be Joyful in their King.

BUT, who is the KING that we are to be Joyful in? The foregoing Words have discovered it, and have determined it. *Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him.* So then, Thy Maker, O Zion, is the KING, whom thou art forever, and above all, to be Joyful in. As for others, Were they ever so much like the *Breath of our Nostrils*, we see them *taken in the Pit of Corruption*. The open All-devouring Mouth of the *Grave*, which we see such going down into, cries aloud unto us; *Put not your Trust in Princes; Their Breath goes forth, and they return to their Earth; In that very Day their Thoughts perish.*

IT is a Remarkable passage, Isa. VI. 1. *In the Year that King Uzziab died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a Throne High and lifted up.* I pray, why not, *In the first Year of King Jotham.* The Kings of the Jews were sometimes notable Types of the promised REDEEMER, who was pleased on His Cross, to permit this Title to be given unto Himself. I know not how far King Uzziab is to be esteemed one of those. He was a King well-disposed; He was a great Captain and Warriour: A Builder of Towers; A very Wealthy Monarch; one who laid up incredible stores in

his Magazines; and one who obtained no little Fame among the Nations. But, Alas, *Uzziab* irregularly affected the *High-priesthood* as well as the *Royalty*. And for this He was treated as a *Leper*, and cast out from the House of His GOD. How Agreeably does the Prophet in the Visions of GOD, behold, a REDEEMER, as the Reverse of what the dead King *Uzziab*, was noted for! Our SAVIOUR now appears in the Temple, as our *High-priest*: When He appears on a Throne *High and lifted up*, as our King. A proper Date for it! The Vision of our SAVIOUR, who is a Priest as well as a King; upon the Death of a King, whose Deposition was owing unto his Claiming to be a Priest. And whereas the Jews most unrighteously dealt withal, *This* brought upon them that *Wrath* unto the uttermost, which the rest of the Vision proceeds unto. But, if the Death of a mighty King, lead a Prophet of GOD, unto a View of the Lord sitting on a Throne *High and lifted up*, how seasonably are we this Day led unto the KING, whom *Zion* still has to be *Foysful* in!

IT is well-known, and the cause of it as well-known, That *Zion* is a Name for the Church of GOD. The Sons of *Zion* are the People of GOD, and the Members of His Church. The Psalm is Calculated for the Reign of the *Messiah*, or the promised REDEEMER, of whom GOD says, *I have set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion*. A Joy in this Glorious KING is here called for: But if it be added, *Let them praise His Name in the Dance*, let not the Expression be misconstrued. They Praise our Glorious KING in the Dance, who use much Activity in the Praising of GOD; They who are ever in Motions which have a Tendency to utter or produce His Praises; And they who Associate with others in Vigorous Essays to do those things, wherein

wherein He may be Glorified. Behold, The Dance of the Evangelical Dispensation!

THE *Instruction in Righteousness*, which is now given us, amounts to this!

WHATEVER *Changes* come upon the World, the People of GOD having a Glorious CHRIST for their KING, ought for ever to take Satisfaction in having that *Immortal* KING to be concerned for them.

I. THE Character of a most Glorious KING, is that wherein the CHRIST of GOD appears unto us; O admirable Spectacle! A King against whom there is no Rising up. In our sight of a Glorious CHRIST, we have that Favour of Heaven dispensed unto us; Isa. XXXIII. 17. *Thine Eyes shall see the King in His Beauty.* Yea, While we are entertaining ourselves with a Sweet Meditation of our SAVIOUR, it may this day be said of our privileged Congregation; JEHOVAH their GOD is with them, and the shout of a KING is among them.

WE are instructed from the Word of Truth, and the Gospel of our Salvation, That in the Infinite GOD, there are Three Subsistences, which yet being as Mutually Conscious to each other, as one Person can be to himself, tho' they be Three Persons, and are notably Distinguished from one another, yet they Really are but ONE GOD. The Great GOD, who is the Creator of all Worlds, is also the Governour of them, and cannot but have what we may call, the Natural Government of all His Creatures. And our SAVIOUR being the great GOD, He has in that regard belonging to Him, an Essential Kingdom, which Ruleth over all. The Glorious GOD being the Maker of the World, it is not only Incongruous, but also Impossible, that He should not be the Ruler of it. But Mankind falling from

from GOD, the *second Person* among the *Sacred Three*, in order to Man's Recovery, and for purposes that are to us unsearchable, assumes the *Man JESUS*, into His own *Person*, and therewith assumes a *Mediatory Kingdom*, which is of a Wondrous Expediency to carry on His Gracious Purposes. The SON of GOD becoming the *Mediator* between GOD and Man, He is thence forward, the *Grand Vice-gerent* of GOD, in the *Government* of the World. The *Communion* which the Invisible GOD has with His Creatures, is by the Interposition of a REDEEMER, who is *GOD Manifest in the Flesh*. 'Tis fit that the REDEEMER putting on the Quality of a *Mediator*, should have the *Government* of all Creatures, from and for the great GOD, put into His Illustrious Hands. 'Tis done; and hence-forward we see, Ezek. I. 26. *A Man upon the Throne*. The Divine Person, who is called, *The Word of GOD*, and so, the *Son of GOD*, has in the *Oeconomy of Redemption*, a *Peculiar Kingdom*, wherein He has a *Sovereign Authority* over the World, by a sort of *Delegation* devolved upon Him; without any *Derogation* to the Authority of the Entire GODHEAD; For it is manifest, that He is Excepted, who did put all things under Him. He has a power that is given to Him from GOD; but such a power as none but one that is GOD may or can receive. The power by which our LORD-REDEEMER does administer this His *Mediatory Kingdom*, is that of the whole *Trinity*. But yet it is administered in the Methods of His *Mediation*; His *Mediation* has, as we may say, the *Application* of it. In short, The all-reaching *Providence* of the Glorious GOD, is under the management of our SAVIOUR: The *Providence* by which the very *Hairs of our Heads* are numbred, and without which not a Sparrow falls to the Ground; The *Providence* which regulates the

Turns

Turns of all the *Wheels* in the World, and which extends further than the Beams of the *Sun*, the Heat whereof *nothing is hidden* from.

This JEHOVAH-JESUS, is now in the Sacred Oracles, every where Exhibited as a Glorious KING unto us, and stiled, *The KING of Glory*. Yea, we see the Infinite GOD *making Him higher than the Kings of the Earth*. And the Name given Him, even a Name above every Name, is That; KING of Kings, and Lord of Lords. In our Bible, how does our SAVIOUR every where appear in all Royal Circumstances! With a Crown and a Diadem on his Head; With a Scepter or a Rod of Iron in his Hand! The Things that are spoken of Him here, are Psal. XLV. 1. *The Things touching the KING*. For the same Cause, He is also called, *Messiah the PRINCE*. He is called, *The Prince of Peace*. He is called, *The Prince of Life*. Tis HE, of whom tis as *True as Gospel*, A&C. X. 36. He is Lord of all. Believer, Look upon thy JESUS, and say what is, in Isa. VI. 5. *My Eyes have seen the King*. Say to Him, O my JESUS, Thou art the SON of GOD, and the KING of Israel.

II. GOD our SAVIOUR, even JEHOVAH-JESUS, is that Glorious KING, to whom the Sacred and Ancient Prophecies have assign'd a Kingdom, which upon the Destruction of the Roman Monarchy, shall fill the whole Earth; a Kingdom, wherein all People shall serve Him, and He shall have an Everlasting Dominion. GOD granted unto His People, in the Days of Daniel the Prophet, a famous PROPHECY, That in the Days of the Four well-known Monarchies, or, before they should all go thro' their determined Period, He would set up an Holy KINGDOM in the World; and that it should be done without Hands, or be a Spiritual Kingdom; and cut out of the Mountain, or fetch'd from Heaven,

ven, and be of an Heavenly Original : A KINGDOM
 that *shall never be destroy'd*, but *shall break to pieces the*
Roman Monarchy, and it *shall stand for ever*. Tis added
 in the PROPHECY, That the KING of this Holy
 KINGDOM should be the SON of MAN, who is
 no other than the Eternal SON of GOD Incarnate
 in our Blessed JESUS ; and who should have given
 Him *Dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom, that all People*
shall serve Him ; His Dominion shall be an Everlasting
Dominion, that shall not pass away, and His Kingdom that
which will never be destroy'd. This KINGDOM is to
 see, a Twofold state. First, until the Period of the
Fourth Monarchy, even the *Roman Monarchy* in the
Papal Form of it, it is to be in the state of, *A little Stone*.
 But upon that Period, it shall be in the state of a great
Mountain, which the whole Earth shall be filled withal.
 While the KINGDOM is yet in the state of, *A little*
Stone, the subjects of it ly scattered here and there about
 the World : *A certain People scattered abroad, and disper-*
sed among the People of the World, and their Laws are di-
verse from all People. The SPIRIT of GOD, is by
 His Gospel, all this while gathering of Subjects, and
 preparing them to appear and partake in the Glories
 of His KINGDOM, when it shall arrive to the state
 of, *The great Mountain*, which is to be look'd for. We
 see it accordingly come to pass. This KINGDOM of
 GOD, in the state of, *A Little Stone*, began upon the
Resurrection of our Blessed JESUS from the Dead,
 whereupon He declared ; *Matth. XXVIII. 18. All*
Power is given unto me in Heaven, and in Earth ; And
 He quickly went up, to take possession of it. Our
 LORD is now set on the Right Hand of the Throne of the
Majesty in the Heavens, and He has a Number of Sub-
 jects on the Earth, by whom He is Ador'd & Obey'd
 as a KING superiour to the greatest Kings in the
 World.

World. There is a Kingdom set up, wherein the Laws of our Blessed JESUS are esteemed paramount unto all the Laws of any Mortal Men. Yea, the Spirit of PIETY operating in them, sets our SAVIOUR on the Throne in their Souls, and causes them to say of Him, JEHOVAH is our Lord, our Law-giver, our KING, and He will save us. The KINGDOM will anon come into the state of, *A Great Mountain*. And every individual Person that was a Loyal Subject of the Glorious KING, while His KINGDOM was here but as a little Stone, shall have an actual share in the Conso-lations of the KINGDOM, when it shall be the *Great Mountain*. This will be, when the Roman and Papal Empire shall be broken to pieces, and become like the Chaff of the Summer Threshing-floors, and the Wind so carries them away, that no place will be found for them. And that Revolution then comes on, when the Son of Man comes with the Clouds of Heaven, and a Fiery Stream issues and comes forth from before Him; and the World is given to the Burning Flame. Then our GOD will create New Heavens, to be inhabited by His Raised Saints, who will be made equal to the Angels; and a New Earth to be inhabited by the Changed ones, who are caught up, for a while to escape the Conflagration. Here-upon, the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Hea-ven shall be given to the People of the Saints of the Most High. And in this New World, there will be the fulfilment of that Word; Psal. CIII. 19. *The Lord has pre-pared His Throne in the Heavens, and His Kingdom ruleth over all.*

This, This is our KING. And now, Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion; Shout, O Daughter of Jerusalem; Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

This is what we now proceed unto.

III. Having such a KING, O Children of Zion, let

let us be *Joyful* in Him. Wonderful, wonderful, is the *Satisfaction*, which the People of GOD are to take in such a KING, as our Blessed JESUS, having the World under His Dominion. It is a Consideration that may and should, wonderfully *Quiet* our Minds, under all the *Changes* that may come upon the World. When we see *Death* doing Execution, upon mighty Monarchs; *Crowns* translated from one Head unto another; Yea, Tho' we should see the *Earth shaking*, and *Mountains carried into the midst of the Sea*; the *Waters thereof Roaring and Raging*, and the *Mountains shaking with the swelling thereof*; Yet now the Acclamations proper for us, are those; Psal. XCVII. 1. *The Lord reigns, let the Earth rejoice, let the Multitude of the Isles be glad upon it.*

First. It cannot but be our wonderful *Satisfaction*, to consider, what *Expectation* the Word of our KING has raised in us. If it be Enquired, What the King of Zion, has Allowed and Invited His People to expect from Him; the Answer is ready, Isa. XIV. 32. *What shall one then answer the Messengers that make the Enquiry?* This; *That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of His People shall betake themselves unto it.* We have had the Royal Promise of our KING; That Zion shall never be utterly destroy'd; *The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.* His Royal Promise, That tho' Zion have many Enemies, and may feel many Sufferings, and may be but a little Stone, yet it shall be a *Burdensome Stone* unto its Adversaries; *Whoever shall fall on that Stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will Grind him to Powder.* His Royal Promise, That when He has performed His whole Work upon Mount Zion, He will punish the stout Heart of Antichrist; and there shall come on a deathless and a sinless World, wherein shall dwell nothing but Righteousness; and the Earth

Earth will have *HOLINESS TO THE LORD* written upon every thing in it, and the *Heavens* with marvellous Influences *ruling* over it. In the mean time, all the particular *Children of Zion*, have the *Great Consolations of GOD*, in His *Royal Promise*; That He will take them into His protection, as His *peculiar People*; That none shall *Pluck them out of His Hands*; That, as He *knows* them all by Name, so He will make all *Things work together for their Good*; And, that He will *Bind them up in the Bundle of Life*; and they shall be known to be His, in the *Day when He makes up His Jewels*. Christians, let us *Comfort one another with such Words*.

But, Secondly; How wonderfully will our *Satisfaction* grow upon us, when we consider, That it is *JEHOVAH-JESUS*, who is the *KING* that we have to depend upon! That *Glorious Name* of the Infinite and Eternal *GOD*, even the *Incommunicable Name*, of *JEHOVAH*, is *Times without Number*, incontestibly assigned unto our *LORD REDEEMER*. At the same time, it is asserted, *Psal. LXXXIII. 18. All Men must know, That thou whose Name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High*. 'Tis agreeable to This, that it is asserted concerning our *JESUS*, *Rom. XI. 5. He is the Being that is over all, GOD blessed for ever*. The *Man upon the Throne*, is no less than *The WORD made Flesh*: He is taken into one Person with that *WORD*, or *SON of GOD*, who in the *Beginning* was with *GOD*, and therefore a *Person Different from GOD* the *FATHER*: But He also *was GOD*, and so *One in Essence* with Him. The *Holy SPIRIT of GOD* has taught us to address Him in that *Style*; *Psal. XXXV. 23. My GOD, and my LORD*. And from hence *Thomas* in a *Transport of a victorious Faith*, cries out, *My Lord, and my GOD!* Our *KING* is He in whom the *Scripture of Truth*, has instructed us, to Believe, as *The True*

True GOD, and Eternal Life: And as, Our Great GOD and SAVIOUR: And as, The Mighty GOD. There we find our JESUS confessing it unto the Jews, that He claimed the Dignity of being such a SON of GOD as was Equal with GOD: He thought it no Robbery to do so. Yea, our JESUS, has from Heaven expressly made this Declaration unto us, Rev. I.8. I am the ALMIGHTY. 'Tis evidently, He that speaks it; For GOD the FATHER, as He is never seen, so He is never heard speaking in the Visions of that Book. He that speaks it, is evidently the same, that presently after says, I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. When our KING is proclaimed, it is in those Terms; Rev. XIX. 6. Alleluja; For the LORD GOD Omnipotent reigneth. O! What cause for our Hallelujahs! Thy KING, O Zion, is, The Lord GOD Omnipotent. But then, upon the Cursed Conspiracy of so many in our Nation, to Dethrone our Almighty KING, and to Degrade and Ungod the Infinite and Eternal SON of GOD, What shall we say? My Confusion is continually before me; for the Voice of him that Reproacheth and Blasphemeth our KING and our GOD. Ah! Sinful Nation; Ah, People laden with Iniquity: How hast thou provoked the Holy One of Israel! What, what will He do unto thee! How shall I pardon thee, saith the Lord?

But from this just Indignation, let us return to our Satisfaction.

Since the KING of Zion is very GOD, we have a KING of Immense and Boundless Perfections; and we have in that *Alfufficient* One, Enough, and Enough to satisfy us under all the Changes of a Sublunary World; all the Changes which we may see passing over us.

First; The Children of Zion have This to satisfy them; Thy KING, O Zion, is an Omnipresent LORD.

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He sees all, and fills all, who reigns over all. He is no where confined ; but is at once actually present in all parts of His *Dominion* ; and the very *Birds* of the Air, the very *Worms* of the Dust, are under His *Cognition*. 'Tis He, of whom we may say ; Psal. CXXXIX.

7. *Whither shall I flee from thy presence ?*

Let us take the *Satisfaction* of it ! ' What a KING have we, who takes exact Notice of all the *Changes* that happen in the World ! What a KING, who is every where at Hand, for the retrieving of all that may happen amiss in any *Changes* ! If His faithful Servants are ever thrown into any *Fiery Furnace*, they have the Gracious Presence of their KING with them there ; the *Son of God* walking with them.

Secondly ; The Children of *Zion* have this to satisfy them ; Thy KING, O *Zion*, is an Omniscient LORD. A King of *Israel* once might say, *I have done very foolishly*. Our KING will never take a wrong step, on which there may be cause to say so. He has an exact Knowledge of all Things ; The very Hearts of all Men are naked and open before Him. His Eyes run to and fro thro' all the Earth. He knows what is Best, & what should be done. If He do all Things according to the Counsel of His own Will, He needs no other Counsellor.

When all is done, it shall be said, He has done all things well. 'Tis a Doxology due from all the Men of *Judah* to Him ; Jude 25. — To the only wise GOD our SAVI-OUR, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and for ever.

Let us take the *Satisfaction*. ' What a KING have we, who is Wise in Counsel, Excellent in Working, about all the *Changes* that come upon the World ! What a KING, who will Exquisitely contrive all *Changes* to be gloriously subordinate and subservient unto the Best of purposes ! He knows how to fetch

Good

‘ Good out of Evil. And tho’ Leviathans may be sporting in the Troubled Sea, yet, Lord, How manifold are thy Works; In Wisdom hast thou made them all!

Thirdly; The Children of Zion have This to satisfy them; Our KING is the Righteous Lord, who loveth Righteousness. Of our KING ’tis declared; Isa. XXXII. 1. Behold, A King shall reign in Righteousness. When we speak of the Glorious Honour of His Majesty, we are to Sing of His Righteousness; Our Song is to be That; The Lord is Righteous in all His ways, and Holy in all His works. When the Emperour Mauritius, the greatest Man in the World, had the Sceptre taken from him, and the Succession of his Children thereto taken off, he devoutly used those words of the Psalmist, Righteous art thou, O Lord, and Upright are thy Judgments. Nothing else is to be said, if Kingdoms are overturned, and Nations are shaken all to pieces.

Let us take the Satisfaction: ‘ What a KING have we, who in all the Changes that arrive, does Judge the World in Righteousness, and the People with Equity! ‘ What a KING, who when He sets upon a Throne like a Fiery Flame, has Garments white like Snow, which never had the least Spot of Injustice upon them! Tho’ Clouds and Darkness may be round about Him, Righteousness and Judgment are the Habitation of His Throne.

Fourthly. The Children of Zion have this to satisfy them; Our KING is a most Gracious LORD; one Full of Grace, and of incomparable Goodness. ’Tis our KING of whom we read, Psal. LXXXVI. 5. Lord, Thou art Good, and ready to Forgive; and Plenteous in Mercy unto all them that call upon thee. It was of old said, Unto Him that has loved us, and washed away our Sins in His own Blood, be Glory and Dominion forever and Ever. Truly our KING who has the Glorious Dominion, is a KING that has loved us, and washed away our Sins

Sins in His own Blood: A KING who has Died for us! He is a KING who *Delights in Mercy*, and who counts it His Glory to *Conceal a Thing*; to cover and pardon, what others count it their *Honour to search out*, and punish. This is that KING, of whom it is foretold, *He shall deliver the Needy when he crieth, the Poor also, and him that hath no Helper, — He shall save the Souls of the Needy.* If a King of Scotland once were for his Goodness called, *The Poor Mans King*; Our KING, who is, *The Good one*, may much more be called so. The meanest Subject He has, may say, *I am Poor and Needy, but the Lord thinketh upon me.*

Let us take the *Satisfaction.* 'What a KING have we, who in all the *Changes*, that come on the World, gives His People cause to say, *The Lord has meant it unto Good!* A KING, who shelters His loyal People, from all Damage by any *Changes* that may occur unto them! He *pities* us under our *Infirmities*, as *knowing our Frame*; Yea, *pities* us, as a *Father his Children.* A KING who to all His true Subjects, *Ye are my Sons and my Daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.* Our KING will bear us, when we call unto Him.

Fifthly. The Children of Zion have this to satisfy them; Our KING is one of *Great Power*; Yea, He is the *Lord Almighty.* Above *Seventy* times over, is He in the Bible called so. Solomon a famous King, said, *Where the Word of a King is, there is Power.* But, Syrs, *A Greater than Solomon is here:* A KING whose Word has a Power, which no Word of any King that is *Flesh and Blood* can pretend unto. His Word can make a World; It has done so; And He is a KING that upholds all things by the Word of his Power. The KING,

of whom David said, *Thou hast a very mighty Arm* : The KING of whom Isaiah said, *He is mighty to save*. Our KING is *The Lord of Hosts* ; All the *Hosts* in all Worlds, are the *Works* of His Hands ; and move as He bids them. The *Mighty Angels* are the *Ministers* which do His Pleasure ; and, *There is no Number of His Armies*. There came up a Thunderstorm, whereupon Job cried out, Job. XLII. 2. *O Lord, I know that thou canst do every thing*. Whatever Thunderstorm or Hurricane of Terrible Things, we may see rising upon any Nation, which GOD may visit for horrible things found in it : Our KING is one, of whom we know that He can do every Thing ; and nothing to be done for the Welfare of Zion, can be too hard for Him.

Let us take the Satisfaction. ‘ What a KING have we, who can bring on what *Changes* He will, and when He will, and how He will ? What a KING, who can make all *Changes* to contribute unto His Praise, and the Good of His Chosen ; and the Remainder can Restrain ! Our KING will accomplish His Will, and the most opposing Mountains will become a Plain before Him.

Lastly. There is one Satisfaction more, which I will now Conclude withal. ‘Tis That ; Psal. CXLVI. 10. *The Lord shall reign forever ; Even thy GOD, O Zion to all Generations*. The KING of Zion, is that KING Immortal, of whom ‘tis among the Songs of Zion, *Thy Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom, and thy Dominion throughout all Generations*. Other Kings, we see, must not be suffered to continue by reason of Death. The GOD of our Life, in whose Hand is their Breath, warns them, *You shall Dy like Men*. In former Days, when an Emperour

perour had the *Imperial Diadem* set on his Head, an Officer presented him at the same time with certain *Grave-stones*, praying him to take his Choice, which of them he would order to be reserved for himself. And then, to show what an *Empty show* there is in all *Worldly Grandeur*, when the most potent *Kings* dy, they carry nothing away; their *Glory* descends not after them: No more than *Saladine*, the great Sultan, who ordered that at his Funeral, the piece of *Linen* he was to be wrapped in, should be carried before him, and it should be proclaimed; *This is all that the great Conqueror of the East is now the possessor of.* Now, let us look off unto *JESUS*: And, O *Zion*, Be satisfied in this; I know that *He is the living one, who is my Redeemer.* Job discovers little Impatience after he comes to this.

¶ The *Crowns* that have shone on the Heads of the *British Monarchs*, have been some of the most Radiant that have ever dazzled the Eyes of *Mortal Men*. But, alas, how *Withering*, and on the Heads of what *Mortal Men*! Of the more than *four times seven*, that have Reign'd since that *Grand Hero*, whom we (*unfairly* and *untruly*) call, *The Conqueror*, has there been so much as One, that has attain'd unto those, which our Bible, since the *Unaccountable Abbreviation* of *Human Life*, has called, *The Days of our Years*? And how many *Reigns* have been terminated within *Twice seven Years*, of those whom *GOD* and the People, have placed of the *British Throne* since the *Happy REVOLUTION*! If *Mortality* reaching to such *Heights*, and so touching the *Mountains*, and felling the *Goodly Cedars* there, give that Admonition, *Be Wise, O ye KINGS*, and oblige the *Judges of the Earth*, to think of the Account they must quickly give of their *Stewardship*.

ship to the Glorious Judge of the Earth, certainly of the People that are the lower Shrubs in the Valleys, GOD may say, Surely, They will Fear me, and receive Instruction. Certainly, the Living who see Palaces turned into Houses of Mourning, will so lay to heart what is in their sight, as to expect what is hastening on their Cottages, and hasten into Good Terms with Heaven!

The Accession of that High and Mighty Prince, King GEORGE unto the British Throne, Fourteen Years ago, was what all honest People, in GOD's Time, wish'd for, and hop'd for, and promised themselves all the Satisfaction of a Clear Shine after the Rain, in the Arrival of it. We had it! But none of all His Large Dominions, felt a more Sensible & United Joy, than His People in these Colonies. Our Churches, that had offered up their ardent and constant Prayers for so Unspeakable and Comprehensive a Blessing, hereupon continually offered up their Praises unto the GOD of Heaven, who bestow'd It upon us, and made Him such a Blessing to the Nation.

We beheld His Royal Qualities and Endowments: His Exquisite and Consummate Prudence: The Fortitude and Constancy with which He still prosecuted the Things which He prudently Resolved upon: The Wisdom that made His Face to shine, and maintain an uncommon Degree of a Benign, with yet a very Thoughtful Aspect: The Obliging Lenity, joined with unspotted Equity, of His whole Administration: Such, that they who come after Him, instead of studying Seneca's Book, De Clementia, as a very Celebrated Monarch who before Him sway'd the British Scepter was known to do, need only to Reflect on His Exemple for their Imi-

Imitation. These Excellencies we beheld, and they Excited and Assisted the Raising of our Contemplations on that *Immortal KING*, who has These and All Excellencies Transcendently and Originally in Him, and of *His Fulness* imparted these unto our admired Sovereign.

We beheld, His PEERLESS Tenderneſs of *Liber-ties*; even in ſome unexempl'd Inſtances of *Self-denial*: Proclaiming from the Throne unto all Mankind, His juſt Sentiments of GOVERNMENT; which has been ſometimes well defined, *The Care of other Peoples Safety*. In One who nicely and fully underſtood the *Rights of the Crown*, we never ſaw the leaſt Invaſion on the *Rights of the People*, or Inclination to daſh upon a Rock that ſome others have ſplit upon. What a charming Spectacle, and how worthy to be had in *Everlaſting Remembrance*! The *Law* never more conformed unto; And at the ſame Time, Yea, for the ſame *Cauſe*, never ſo Great a KING ſeen ſitting on the Throne of the *British Empire*!

We beheld, His Concern for the *Commerce*, which is the *Apple of the Eye* to our Nation; and how *Trade* Reviv'd and Flouriſh'd under His Precious Influences; Even after ſo great a part of the Nation, under an unparallel'd Infatuation, and a Poſſeſſion of an Evil Spirit, had almoſt periſh'd in the SEA, which they madly ran down into.

We beheld, how *Learning* was cheriſh'd by Him; with what a more than a Noble Munificence he beſtow'd *Libraries* upon the *Nurseries* of it; How generously He animat'd the Studies of Ingenious and

Inquisitive Men. Who more acceptable to Him, than such Men as an incomparable *Desaguliers!* *Erudition* was never so Culminant; The *Arts and Sciences*, were never in such a Meridian *Lustre!*

We beheld, the *Catholic Spirit* with which he countenanced the *Protestant Religion*; and we, with the rest of our *United Brethren*, were preserved and protected in the Exercise of our *Pure and Undeiled Religion*; wherein We pursue the *Evangelical Reformation*, which the Best of our First *Reformers* declared for, and would fain have prosecuted.

O Men of Observation, What is it you Behold? Behold, A KING, whose Royal Grand-father lost a *Crown* by his Fidelity to the *Protestant Religion*, brought unto a *Crown*, which placed Him at the Head of the *Protestant Interest*.

Indeed, there were Two very Singular Glories of our King GEORGE, which no other King upon Earth, could in such a Degree lay claim unto.

The One, That He did more to Restore unto our *Immortal KING* His Throne in the Minds of His People, by asserting a *Righteous Liberty of Conscience* for them, the denying whereof has made and shook many a *Throne of Iniquity*, and maintained the Homage due to that LORD whose *Kingdom is not of This World*, with a greater Justice and Goodness, than what the *Princes of This World*, commonly consent unto.

The Other, That they who were *Adversaries* to His Throne, were all of them in *Reality*, (whatever any *weak Souls* might be in their own *Intention*) *Adversaries* to the Throne of our *Immortal KING*; and such as no Good Man could with his *Eyes open*, go over to.

Finally; and in Consequence of these things, We beheld the watchful *Providence* of our GOD and SAVIOUR, whose *Glory* it is, To give *Salvation* unto *Kings*, with a Series of Wonderful Dispensations, *Establishing* Him on the Throne, to which he had so wonderfully raised Him.

There has been in our Nation, a Generation of Men, unworthy to be called *English men*, which have more than once or twice brought the Nation to the very Brink of Ruine; inspired with a *Bigotry* for an *Indefeizable Hereditary Succession*, which they cannot but know, has among the *Prædecessors* been, so often interrupted; so often superseded, as utterly to nullify all pretensions to it. These Betrayers of the Nation, like the *Troubled Sea*, when it cannot rest, have at several Times and in Various Ways, discovered their *Disaffection* to the most *Unexceptionable Reign* in the World: But what is become of all their *Conspiracies*? GOD has fought against them. He that sitteth in the Heavens, has had them in *Derision*, and made them find, that when they have *Raged*, they have imagined a *Vain Thing*. They have imagined *Mischief* against a great Man: But they have been *Slain*: The Fate of a *Bowing Wall*, and of a *Tottering Fence* has attended them. The Man that *Smote the People in Wrath*, with a continual stroke, must be brought down to the sides of the Pit, that
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King GEORGE may more Quietly take and keep the Possession of the Throne by GOD assign'd unto Him. The Wicked see it, and gnash their Teeth, and melt away. They are scattered at Dunblain. They are subdued at Preston. If they renew the Efforts of their impotent Malice, GOD Persecutes them with His Tempest; — *Et Conjurati veniunt ad Classica Venti*. Let them lay their Plots ever so deep, yea, and tho' they should have a *Roffensian Benediction* upon them, still the Birds of the Air bring to light their Works of Darkneß, and the Spiders Webs feel a Bosom of Destruction confounding of them.

In proportion to the Satisfaction that we thus enjoy'd in our Invaluable KING, such was our Consternation when we were the last Week fulminated with the shocking Tidings, ——— *The King is Dead!* ——— And we were more particularly informed, That after an Hard Journey, and a short Illness, He died in a Fit of an Apoplexy, on the Lords-Day Morning, the Eleventh of June, at His Brothers Palace in Osnaburg, just entering the Sixty Eighth Year of his Life. ———

——— *Quis talia fando,* ———

——— But in the Multitude of our Thoughts within us, we had, with the Joy which the Children of Zion forever have in their KING that lives forever and ever, this Comfort of GOD also immediately to Delight our Souls, ——— We see our King GEORGE Alive again! As upon the Death of the admirable Theodosius, the Christians did so Comfort themselves, *Non totus recessit, reliquit enim* ——— Thus, we have This to Comfort us, That we have a KING GEORGE the SECOND, whose Reign, may our GOD make Long and Prosperous.

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We see a **KING** upon the *Throne*, whom His Realm, and all His Dominions, Consider and Reverence, as an Heir to the *Virtues* of His Royal **FATHER**, no less than to His Crown and Dignity. Our Dependence is on our *Immortal KING*, by whom *Kings* reign, and in whose *Hand* are the *Hearts of Kings* to make Him in all His *Felicities* truly a **KING GEORGE** the **SECOND**, and cause *His Blessings* to prevail above the *Blessings of His Progenitors*.

The First and Grand Work of our Ministry, is to demand your Allegiance unto that *Immortal KING*, unto whom the most Glorious *Kings* in this World, even Emperours of *All the World*, have sometimes gloried in subscribing themselves the *Vassals*. You can't enjoy the inestimable *Satisfaction* of having **HIM** for your **KING**, if you do not *own* Him, if you do not *serve* Him, if you *throw off His Curbing Bands*, and *Cast away from you, the Yokes they bind you to*. You can't propose to enjoy Him as your **GOD**, and be favoured by Him, as the *People of His Pasture*, and the *Sheep of His Hands*, unless *To Day* you will *Hear His Voice*: **Nor** will He be to you the *Author of Eternal Salvation*, if you *Refuse to Obey Him*. If you will remain among those that will not have this **GOD-MAN** to *Reign* over them, what can you expect, but that you shall be *brought forth, and slain before Him*! Wherefore be prevailed withal, Immediately to *Kiss the Feet* of the **SON of GOD**; For indeed, it may **NOW**, most awfully be said, *His Wrath will QUICKLY Flame*! — **NOW**, since every Thing has been so fulfill'd, that we **NOW** know of nothing that remains to go before the Fulfilment of that Word, *The Son of Man shall come*

in the Clouds of Heaven : At which there comes a tremendous CONFLAGRATION on a World horribly Ripened for it : and as Thoughtless of it !

But then, we look on it, as one very notable point, wherein we are to *Fulfil our Ministry*, That we urge you, to bear all due *Allegiance*, unto our Lawful and Rightful King GEORGE the Second ; and as we have been *Servants to the Father*, now also be *Servants to the Son*. When we read of *Stars fighting in their Courses* against the *Canaanites*, I interpret it, Of the *Priests* appearing in their Offices on that occasion. You may be sure, the *Ministers of the Gospel*, (who are *Stars in the Right Hand* of their Glorious LORD) will appear, and *fight in their Courses* against those *Enemies of GOD* and of His People, who may go to seduce you from your *Allegiance to a King*, whom we cannot express how much we owe unto.

You cannot look on the *Enemies of His Reign*, as any other than *Enemies to the Reign of GOD* and His CHRIST, and His Truth ; and at the same time *Enemies to every true Interest of the Nations* under Him, and unto all the Good that a true *Briton* or *Christian* can wish for. If an *Ideot* or a *Lunatic* were on the Throne, most certainly, the Nations, and even those *Unreasonable Men* themselves, would judge it even their *Duty* to displace him ; And most certainly a *Romanist* would be more disqualified than any *Ideot* or a *Lunatic*, to be a *King* of our Nations. If there should yet be any *Intoxicated Adherents* and *Abettors* to such an *Abjured Pretender*, I know, you cannot join with them, in *Vile Attempts*, to bring those Two incomprehensible, but inseparable plagues, of

of Popery and Slavery upon the Nations; I know, you will join with me, in my, *Come not into their secret, O my Soul; Unto their Assembly, my Tongue, be not thou united.* But as the Curse of our Almighty JESUS, at other times as well as in our two Celebrated EIGHTY EIGHT's, has fallen upon them that have desperately gone to Rebuild the Fallen *Romish Jericho* in our Nation, we trust in Him, that it will still do so. Your Inviolable Allegiance to King GEORGE the Second, is partly for *that Reason* called for. But if some very Noble Personages, in the most August Political Assembly upon Earth, having occasion to mention the Churches of *New-England*, have seen cause to say, *That they were to be numbred among the Best of Protestants;* I am sure, We shall be found such *Protestants*, as to continue for ever, True to our King GEORGE, and firm, in our Abiding by the Succession of the Crown, in the *Protestant Line*, and the most Serene and Princely House of *Hanover*.

No People can have less Need of the EXHORTATION!—— We cannot learn, that there may be found so much as *One Man* in our Churches, that is disaffected unto the KING that now Reigns, any more than to His Royal FATHER; but we believe that they all, *to a Man*, bear a sincere Affection to our Sovereign, and His Family.——

The *World* knows This to be true; And there needs no *Justin Martyr*, or *Athenagoras*, or *Tertullian*, to present *Apologies*, for the Information of the *Imperial Throne*, upon it. The *Throne* has been apprised of it. We saw, we felt, the Gracious Effects thereof, in the very Tender Treatment, which we had from

from thence, when some of our People had been by some Rash Men, seduced into Errors, that will never be repeted. Our KING so well understands our Dispositions, that if any Restless Agents for the *Accuser of the Brethren*, should go to wound us, by any fallacious Memorials and Remonstrances, doubtless, *'Twill signify nothing!*

Our Fathers having at a very great *Expence* (purely *their own*) and with no small *Hazard*, crossed the *Atlantic Ocean*, and improved an horrid *Wilderness* into a *Fruitful Field*, and enlarged the *British Empire* in *America* to the extent of more than Two or Three Hundred Miles; from whence those Returns are every Year made unto *Great Britain*, which render the Country worthy to be Cherished; We cannot but promise ourselves, we shall be quiet under the *shadow of a King*, who is unto us as the *Breath of our Nostrils*.

All this having been done for the Sake, and in the Aim, of Erecting *Evangelical Churches*, which profess to keep as close as they can, to the *Faith and Order of the Gospel*, and make nothing but Serious and Practical PIETY the Term of Admission to the *special Ordinances* in them, and receive all that CHRIST receives to the *Glory of GOD*; we promise ourselves, that as all Genuine *Eleutherians*, [*ot, Protestants*] will count it a shame to disturb Churches of such a Constitution, so that our KING will reckon it no *Inglorious Thing* to be a *Father* that shall *nourish* them.

Our Colledge, which indifferently dispenses its *Instructions* and its *Laurels*, to Persons of all the Different *Perfwasions* among us, is yet what the *First Founders* of it

it could not but suppose and propound always to have the *Government* and *oversight* of it continued in the Hands of them that should value and maintain the *Religion* which was their *Life*. And even King *James* himself, when he was told, That the Men of the way from which we made our peaceable Seceſſion, were seeking to get it into their Hands, [more juſt unto *Harvard* than he was to *Maudlin*] declared, *It is an Unreasonable Thing, and it ſhall not be!* But how much may we promiſe ourſelves a kind Protection for that Seminary, under the Wings of ſuch a KING, as now ſheds His Royal Rays upon us!

What remains is, That we *Pray without Ceasing*, to our *Immortal* KING, That He would grant unto our King *GEORGE*, a long and prosperous *Reign* and a *Throne* eſta bliſhed with all the Bleſſings which His Royal Father ſaw upon it: That His Royal CON-SORT may be continued unto Him, and unto the Nations which are ſtruck with an uncommon Veneration, at the ſight of a Matchleſs QUEEN, ſo diſtinguiſhed with a ſweetneſs of Temper, with a good Will to her People, and with the rareſt Erudition; and of the Aſtoniſhing Remuneration, which Heaven has given her to ſee, of the *Excellent Spirit*, wherewith ſhe once reſuſed being an *Empreſs*, becauſe of her inflexible Reſolution to remain a *Proteſtant*: That His Royal Offſpring, may be reſerved for ſuch Bleſſings as the World has had in their moſt Renowned Anceſtors: And, that ſeeing His *Enemies cloathed with ſhame*, He may have His *Crown flouriſhing* on His Head, until it be changed for one infinitely to be preferr'd before it.

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